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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Manucher Rahmjoo
KEVIN JOHN MOORE)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2676
Application No.: 10/781,664)	
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Filed: February 20, 2004)	Allowed: April 4, 2005
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For: REDUCING THE NUMBER OF)	
COMPOSITING OPERATIONS	:	
PERFORMED IN A PIXEL)	
SEQUENTIAL RENDERING	:	
SYSTEM)	July 1, 2005

Mail Stop Issue Fee

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of a Notice of Allowance dated April 4, 2005, in the above-referenced application. The Issue Fee is due on or before July 4, 2005, and is being paid concurrently herewith.

The Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance ("Statement") states that:

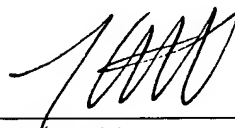
None of the prior art, either singularly or in combination, fairly teaches or suggests applicant's claimed invention wherein applicant recites "a compositing module for generating a resultant color and opacity for a currently scanned pixel in accordance with the compositing messages,

wherein the compositing module generates the color and opacity of the first pixel in the run of pixels in accordance with the sequence of compositing operations, and the compositing module generates the color and opacity of each pixel in the run subsequent to the first pixel in accordance with the reduced set and the retrieved compositing result”.

However, Applicant respectfully notes that while this statement is accurate with respect to independent Claim 1, it does not accurately characterize the other independent claims. Nevertheless, Applicant submits that the other independent claims are allowable for the features that they recite.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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